

**Old Luce Community Council  
Minutes of Meeting held in Glenluce Public Hall at 7.45 pm on Monday 3rd October 2022**

**Present**

Ian Paterson - Chairman	Elizabeth Innes	Joan Miskimmins
Fred Murray - Vice Chairman	Mike Lane	Marion Muir
Kenny McKinstry - Treasurer	Diane Lowe	
Mick Bird	Gordon McKinstry	PC Gary McCutcheon (part meeting)

In attendance: Jane McDowall, Minute Secretary

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**1. Apologies**

Derek Sloan and Councillor Hagmann.

**Absent:** Susan Maxwell and Ean Stewart.

**2. Police Business**

25/09/22- a theft was reported to Police, one male arrested and subsequently cautioned and charged.

26/09/22- Police made aware of an Un-Authorised Encampment that has formed in the grounds of the Community Hall, Auchenmalg. The group consists of around 7 caravans along with associated towing vehicles. The land is owned and managed by Glen of Luce Community Association and contact has been made with the chair of the management committee.

Dumfries and Galloway Councils Community Safety Officers have visited the group this afternoon and the council will continue to liaise with the occupants in line within national guidelines. The group have since moved on without issue.

27/09/22- report from Auchenmalg that a wildlife crime had taken place whereby an Otter Holt had been damaged. Enquiries ongoing.

01/10/22- report of a theft of a substantial amount of money, no suspects identified yet. Enquiries commenced.

Stranraer PSYV - If there are any events in which the group can assist with please contact the group co-ordinator PC Emily Conroy at [Emily.Conroy@scotland.police.uk](mailto:Emily.Conroy@scotland.police.uk)

Be on the alert for Scams.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (5th September 2022)**

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Fred Murray and seconded by Kenny McKinstry.

**4. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda**

Councillor Hagmann had advised that there will be a by-election held before the end of 2022 due to Sandy Whitelaw resigning as a Councillor with effect from 30th September 2022.

**5. Finance**

Kenny advised that the balance in the Community Council's account was £2,619.47 (the incorrect figure issued at September meeting was down to Kenny not having bank statements and working from cheque stubs).

Kenny advised that the update to bank signatories was almost complete.

## 6. Updates on Local Issues raised at Previous Meetings

- **Community Asset Transfer - Lorry Park - (February 2022)** - Old Luce Development Trust has rejected the asset transfer.
- **Underpass lights at Stairhaven junction (July 2020)** - The lights outside the underpass are still on 24/7. No reply from Councillor Inglis. Jane to contact CCES. *Jane*
- **Dunragit Notice Board (March 2022)** - Ordered. Delays due to issues with supply of materials.
- **Defibrillator Sign (April 2022)** - to be installed. *Jane*
- **Summer Seat on back road to be repaired / replaced (May 2022)** - Fred and Ian will see if it can be repaired. Mike recommended contacting Charlie McNeil for larch. *Ian  
Fred*
- **Public Toilets - Cleaning (June 2022)** - The total annual cost for cleaning and supplies is £4,4146.10 - approximately £248.40 per month. Mike will arrange for OLDLT staff to prepare grant application on behalf of Old Luce Community Council. *Mike*

It was noted that many people appreciate the facilities being provided in the village with bus drivers grateful for the clean and tidy loos.

- **Overgrown vegetation at Back Burn (October 2022)** - Joan reported overgrown vegetation just before bend on back burn. Jane to report to CCES. *Jane*
- **Street Lights not working (October 2022)** - Two locations - top of St John Street and Old Port William Road. To be reported to CCES. *Jane*
- **Dog Waste Bags (October 2022)** - Mick will order additional supplies and look at where cheaper bags could be sourced in the future. *Mick*

## 7. Paths and Core Paths Maintenance

**Stairhaven - Auchenmalg Coastal Path (March 2022)** - Response from Richard Masters (D&G Council) awaited. Mick reported that the contractors had cleared vegetation again in August. *Jane*

## 8. Glenluce Sports (April 2022)

Joan is still receiving bank statements. There is £3,021 in the Glenluce Sports account with Joan and Neil Douglas as signatories. Julie Ann Copeland is holding approximately £600 in cash from Glenluce Sports.

Ian will speak to Tony Miskimmins, Julie Ann Copeland and Neil Douglas to try to move the matter forward. *Ian*

## 9. Lady Stair Park

**Lady Stair Park - Path Link to make circuit (November 2021)** - Kenny agreed to submit a grant application. Jane to send link. *Kenny  
Jane*

**Benches in Play Park (September 2022)** - It was agreed to draw down money to purchase and install. Fred will speak to Stewart McCreadie at D&G Council. Finalise at November meeting. *Fred  
Agenda*

## 10. Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company (KCBC)

Neither of the people that had been approached had confirmed they would take on role.

Jane McDowall was proposed as a member and director by Fred Murray and Gordon McKinstry.

Information to be sent Foundation Scotland. *Fred*

## **11. Old Luce Development Trust - Update**

Replacement of Glenluce GP Practice Facility - letter from NHS D&G. Mike explained that this was standard.

Fred advised that this was the time of year for the payment of £200 to residents within a defined radius of the RES wind farm. The last round was underpaid by £33,000 and this had been split three ways between Old Luce Development Trust, New Luce and Kirkcowan Community Councils.

It was agreed that Jane should contact RES to enquire if residents were reminded about how to apply for the money, particularly where there were new occupants. Fred will send Jane contact details for RES.

*Fred  
Jane*

## **12. Old Luce Community Benefit Fund - Update**

The next of the year's four meetings is on Monday 10th October. No applications have been received.

## **13. Councillors Update**

None present.

## **14. Correspondence**

None.

## **15. A.O.C.B.**

Fred advised that Reverend Ogston had spoken to him about setting up Warm Spaces or Hubs for residents who were struggling to heat their homes. It was agreed to leave to discuss at November meeting.

*Agenda*

The Children's Fayre is on Saturday 26th November. Location of Christmas Tree to be finalised. Ian will speak to Tanya to check if she wishes the tree to be outside the shop.

*Agenda*

It was agreed to give £250 to the Schools for their Christmas party.

Senior Citizens Party - review at November meeting.

*Agenda*

## **15. Date of Next Community Council Meeting**

7.45 pm on Monday 7th November 2022 in Glenluce Public Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Fred asked for a big hand for the new chairman, which was duly given.

**Future meetings:** 5th December 2022. 8th February and 8th March 2022.